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### T/SNUG Chairmen

Here is the list of 1993 T/SNUG Chairmen and how to contact them. We wish to support the following SIGS:- ZX-80/81/TS-1000, Z88, SPECTRUM/TS-2068/TC-2068 and QL. If you have any questions about any of these fine machines, contact the Chairman.

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## T/SNUG Information

## ZXir QLive Alive!

is the newsletter of T/SNUG, the Timex/Sinclair NorthAmerican User Groups, providing news and software support to the T/S community in at least four newsletters per year.

It is our goal to build and maintain a Public Domain software library and develop a list of available software for all T/S computers showing the source.

T/SNUG wishes to have one chairman from every T/S user group who will take charge of sending us their group's newsletter contents and other correspondence for inclusion in the ZQA! Newsletter.

We encourage your group to copy this newsletter and distribute it at regular meetings to all your members. If you cannot copy this newsletter, perhaps we can provide a disk with the articles on it.

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ED SNOW (ZX-81 TAPE & QL) 2136 CHURCHILL DOWNS CIR ORLANDO FL 32825 The summer blahs have got me. And the frustration in waiting for Congress to act plus the problems of the flooding in other parts of the country. And while there is a lot of flooding the local area is too dry and the grass is browning out. But none of this is T/S related so on we go.

My adventures with trying to get a 3.5 drive to work properly was a hard fast trip down a side road. It turned out the drive was doing what it was supposed to do. The drive turned out to be a single sided 180K 3.5 drive is a 40 track which means it drive. I thought that all drives were 80 track. But I find a place that does overcharge to work on drives and when I send in some other drives I will report on what happens. And if you have several drives of the same make, model, that do not work they will try to combine the drives to get one or more working drives. I will keep you posted.

Another adventure was with getting a Spectrum disk menu loader working. I was sent disk in April and while I had the disk from the TTSUC library I could not get it to work with the T/S 2068 that had a Russell EPROM installed internally. finally decided that either the EPROM or else the computer is not working properly since it is with disk drives erratic regardless of whether Spectrum ROM is used. And with my eyesight being just less than what I feel is safe to use to solder (cataracts) I twisted Bob Swoger's arm to get him to put a Spectrum EPROM on a Larken Dock Board. So on the week that the Board arrived back in my computer room I again tried to fix the Spectrum disk.

But in the process I expected to have to install the MENU program on the disk so I had the HELP files from the MENU disk from the TTSUC Library disk #L-25 printed out and there was a paragraph:

"The Spectrum and TS 2068 menus also differ in a couple of ways. The Spectrum menu has a block of programming at line 9000 which will cause the Computer to switch to the Spectrum mode, if the AUTOSTART happens to commence from the TS 2068 mode. To make use of this feature you must save the menu to disk by a GOTO 9000."

However, line 9000 on the disk in question is: 9000 CLEAR 27550: RESTORE 9030

And line 9030 is: 9030 DATA 205,102,0,62,3,211,244 ,201,0,0,0,

And not being a programmer I have no idea what is going on.

But being a key puncher I gleaned the fact that if I turn on the computer while holding down the ENTER key all by itself then the AUTOSTART would start to LOAD and while doing so it would automatically kick the computer into the Spectrum mode.

In the real world I found the disk had the AUTOSTART load program corrupt. I got the my WORKING copy of the disk and it too was corrupt. But MASTER COPY was not. So knowing that I had a working copy I copied the MASTER disk to my WORKING copy plus to the corrupted disk sent to me plus an extra one to send back in case. And all copies did LOAD the MENU from holding down the ENTER key only and the Spectrum games did run afterwards.

I used COPYII.B1 on the D. U. S. Version 4.0 disk written by Kristian Bosivert to copy the disk. For those not familiar with the disk or the Larken 2068 disk initerface COPYII.B1 will copy a disk starting with track (and include the original disk's title) and copy the 5 tracks at a time as it FORMATs the disk. And when done it will report if there is a bad disk in the destination drive. It is nice since you can do other things while the computer copying.

So in a letter to Bob Swoger I mentioned how the computer could call up the MENU and POKE to Spectrum mode and he called to verify since he had not heard of that before. I am hoping that this will cause Bob to write an article explaining it.

I admit that I am one that does understand a lot of the documentation that is provided with software and hardware. And Bob chides me about not reading the manuals. I contend that reading the manuals should not be necessary, that the proper instructions should be on the screen. However, I can also that that can cause many extra hours of programming and in some cases the program would be too big memory for the available.

There are a lot of good programs that I have not used simply because that I do not understand how to use them. Also, and this is not the programmer's fault the program is using a media (like spreadsheeting) that I do not understand either. But I not drifting without learning. I do use programs that not long ago that I avoided since I did not understand them. Sometimes using an unrelated program will give me insight into another program. And I have noted that 100 if you were to give

programmers software that they had to use that soon you would have many different versions that were customized for their particular requirements. For an example take a look at all the versions of TASWORD II and MSCRIPT.

But back to the Spectrum EPROM, believe that it could installed in a dock board. for those that do not have the would Larken interface, and operate just as well. But I have no positive knowledge of such. If anyone has knowledge of an arrangement let me know how pass it is done so that I can the word on to others.

I had no idea when I started to get this newsletter together just what I would have to make up the issue. But in looking at the FORMAT newsletters that were given to me at the Fest I saw an article that I typed in that should interest anyone with printers that use nylon ribbons. At least it has more information that I thought available. 0/0

Don Lambert Timex/Sinclair NorthAmerican User Group

The DAYTON COMPUTERFEST

by Donald S. Lambert

Instead of worrying about mentioning some names and forgetting to mention others I will just hit the highlights of the Dayton Computerfest as they come to mind.

The location of the T/S tables was the same as last year except that across from us was the tables/booths and DMA was the the that sponsored one The DMA T/S Computerfest. representatives Gary Ganger and Tim Swenson manned a booth with computers representing the history of computing.

Like last year, SMUG, manned by Bill Heberlein and Neil Schultz, had the first two tables end of starting from the left Afinity the row then Mechanical had several tables with Paul Holgren and Frank and Carol Davis and then the table for Alive! T/SNUG and ZXir QLive Frank and Carol Davis also represented UPDATE MAGAZINE.

While I arrived at the Red Roof Inn North at 3 PM (DAyton time) Friday I was not the earliest arrival. Hugh Howie had arrived the previous day. He came down I-75 and reported that it was nothing but construction all the way. I was on I-75 from the intersection with highway 30 and construction was the rule of the day. In fact I wondered if I was going to be able to exit at the proper exit for the Red Roof Inn since I was again in the area of a closed right lane. However, the exit ramp was open so I could use it. The next exit ramp was closed however.

And to make the wife happy I walk to the Cracker Barrel and bought a couple of jars of gourmet jam. And it did make her happy.

I ran into a fellow and learned that he was there to pass on his equipment to other fellow T/Sers the T/S since he was leaving computers for another. Charlie Reese came in from St. Louis, MO Saturday and stayed through night. I learned that he had a set of disk drives, two 720K drives, one a 3.5 and one a 5.25 in a case for sale. I was greatly interested since I was trying to find a working 720K 3.5 drive.

Quite a while later Paul Holgren arrived and was surprised that Frank and Carol Davis had not

arrived yet since they should have been there. Turned out that Paul had passed them when they made a stop on I-70. Paul had his son John with him. Their younger boy could not come since he had a soccer tournament Saturday. So Paul and John represented their family.

Frank and Carol Davis arrived and we went out to eat at Bob Evan's in a group. After that Frank, Carol and Paul went over to set up for the show and on the way back the driver's window on Paul's van stuck all the way the They could hear down. electric motor running but no action. Paul had to tape a black garbage bag over the opening. Luckily, the motel had patroling security guards. We gathered in Hugh Howie's room for a session before every one headed off for bed and the early rising to be at Hara Arena early the next day.

We gathered and drove to the cracker barrel at seven for breadfast. And afterwards, Paul and Hugh Howie worked on Paul's van window and Hugh got the window up and they taped it up till Paul could get into the Chrysler dealership to get the in warranty repair done. That did make Paul feel lots better.

I got set up with my computer and put on the program with the WELCOME T/Sers message and then I got the disk drives in their case and since the drive cable had a QL plog I tested each drive by itself using a test ribbon cable I had with me. Both drives worked just fine. So when Charles Reese arrived I offered him a sum for the two drives, case and all and he said it was too much but he took the money. I think that we are both happy with the deal. SO NOW I AM ABLE TO HANDLE 720K 3.5 DISKS FOR EITHER THE LARKEN OR THE OLIGER DISK INTERFACES FOR THE 2068.

After my first foray to cruise the flea market area I returned to see Bob Swoger had just arrived and he was dripping with sweat. In fact all day Saturday was very warm and humid. during the afternoon there a storm with rain, thunder and lightning. Sunday, since the Arena had far fewer people in it, was far cooler. Either or both days contributed to MY catching a sinus infection or sinus cold that laid me low for over a week.

at the had arrived computerfest to get a few items: a working 3.5 720K disk drive, some 360K 5.25 disk drives, preferrable Tandon, some disk cases and maybe some odds and ends. I had the 3.5 disk drive before the doors opened and when they did I browsed the flea market area. The cheapest disks that I saw were 2 cents each for used 5.25 and a nickle each for 3.5. I got a quantity of the 3.5 and planned to return for the 5.25 but they were gone when I did return. But I did get some five cent ones. I found a Tandon TM 100-2A drive and got it for \$4. That was exactly what I wanted. But I had no idea if it worked. Another place I found a Tandon TM 100-2A drive and the guy said he had a box of them out of IBM. The box was eight drives. Knowing that I might only get two or three working drives I bargained the price and got the box very reasonably. After I hustled the box to my car - closer than the T/SNUG table I returned and found at that vender yet another Tandon drive. I asked how much for the one that I had missed before. He took a look and gave it to me. It had a missing drive belt. I had spotted some disk cases but I did not press the issue and waited for later in the day. I did find another Tandon drive and while the guy wanted \$5.00 I said that was too much he came down and then I noticed that one of the posts that mount the top board was broken and pointed it out and he took far less.

Incidentally, the drive missing the drive belt worked just fine and so did the one with the broken post. I ended up with five working drives and four that need some tweaking. Plus a CDC drive that I can not test till I put a drive select socket on the board. One Tandon drive I could not test since it has an odd switch up next to the drive door latch that I will have to trouble shoot to see what it is designed to do. It might be a sort of circuit to prevent writing to a disk but I am not sure at this point. I had in the past a Tandon drive that had the two wires that went to the write protect switch cut. That drive would read a disk and go through the motions of writing but did nothing to the disk.

But when I did try to get a got discount on the disk cases (the disk cases were already well below normal price) I did get a buck off and he packed the three 5.25 cases (hold a hundred disks) plus the 3.5 disk case into the big box I paid and left. Later that night I found that I had four 5.25 disk cases so I don't know whether he knew it or not. At least I only paid for four cases and had five cases. In my computer room the disks seem to multiply rabbits.

But there is still interest in the T/S computers and there are those that are still getting into the T/S computers. We had a couple start out. What happens next is anybody's guess. At least they had names and addresses of who to write or call for help.

Saturday night we all were

invited to Tim Swenson's house for a BBQ type supper. There was plenty to eat and we all had a chance to visit, discuss computers and programming.

Sunday morning we ate at Bob Evens and headed out to the Hara Arena. Except that this time most left with the motel room vacated and we left Hara after it was all over to go on our own. Hugh Howie had mentioned either going back to Canada Sunday morning or Monday morning but must have left early Sunday morning since we did not see him after Saturday. And as usual, Frank and Carol Davis planned to stay over and leave Monday.

Masako, my wife, was a little upset over what I brought back but got over it when I got all the drives tested and the none working ones tossed out. actually tossed more drives than I brought back so that satisfied her. Amongst the non working drives that I already had was one that ran slow, about rpm, and made grinding noises. I did change the spring loaded deal on the top of the spindle that clamped the disk to the spindle and it became a working drive. And that was a drive that I had since last year. 0/0

ZX81 BASIC PROGRAMMING.

por Steven Vickers

(Traducido y adaptado por INVESTRONICA, S. A.)

Capitulo 1

Instalacion del ZX81

- Al desembalar el ZX81, debe encontrar:
- 1. Este manual.
- 2. El computador. Este tiene

tres para jacks (marcados 9V DC IN, EAR y MIC) una toma de antena y una parte de su placa de circuito al descubierto, donde Ud. puede conectar equipo extra. No existen interruptores, para encenderlo solo tiene que enchufarlo a la fuente de alimentacion.

The book is a bound book not spiral bound like the U.S. ZX81 manual. And while the U. S. version runs to 154 pages; the Spanish version runs to pages. Since I do not read Spanish I do not know whether the extra pages is due to a more wordy translation. I strongly suspect that this was printed for the use of the computers that were sold Argentina. If it were Brazil, the book would be in Portugese official since that is the language of Brazil.

I feel that if we had a closer tie to Argentina that we would have much more action with the ZX81 computers than we have now. The popularity of the ZX81 in Argentina is because it is the only affordable computer in a country of poor people. 0/0

#### COMPATIBLE CASSETTE RECORDERS

I ran into this information issued by Timex and realize that while late it could help some that are still using the T/S 1000 (and I presume T/S 2068) computers and the cassette mass storage systems. These models may only be found in flea markets and garage sales but it is a lead.

COMPATIBLE CASSETTE RECORDERS.

BRANDS MODELS

GENERAL ELECTRIC 35015 GENERAL ELECTRIC 35305

GENERAL ELECTRIC	3-5152-B
GENERAL ELECTRIC	Silhouette
	4-35152
LLOYDS	V18 <b>0</b> 8
PANASONIC	2107-D
PANASONIC	CRQ-3 <b>0</b> 945
PANASONIC	RQ-21 <b>0</b> 84
PANASONIC	RX-12500
RADIO SHACK	CTR-37
RADIO SHACK	CTR-57
RADIO SHACK	CTR-61
RADIO SHACK	26-1206
REALISTIC	14-802
REALISTIC	14-812
SANYO	M-1002
SANYO	M-2555-2
SANYO	SLIM-1
SANYO	SLIM-5
SONY	TCM-737
WINDSOR	M-2260
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I have also found a REALISTC MINISETTE-9 works very well. The MINISETTE-9 is an almost look-a-like to the T/S 2020.

### TELEVISION COMPATIBILITY

Our Timex testing program has determined that the following late model COLOR televisions which use a new style solid state tuner are incompatible with your Timex Sinclair 1000. These televisions do not contain a fine tuning adjustment and, therefore, cannot be adjusted to mate with your Timex Sinclair 1000.

Most other television sets are compatible with your Timex Sinclair 1000, and we suggest you avoid using your computer with these few television models.

BRANDS	MODELS
ZENITH	SN1973
ZENITH	Y19 <b>0</b> 8
ZENITH	S41927
ZENITH	541926
TEKNIKA	3379
TEKNIKA	3349
TEKNIKA	3249

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#### 16K MEMOPAK

I did not know that there were two versions of the 16K ram paks by MEMOTECH until I attended the Computerfest. Dayton interest was spurred by the request for information by Wayne Knaust in the last issue. Of the two versions it appears that Wayne has the early version (As did I until the Computerfest) in which the oval opening in the back does not disclose 4 DIP switches. The later version does have the four switches. I have sent the information to Wayne for his comments. It is possible to upgrade the early version to the later version but I do not know how involved that is. the Dayton Computerfest I saw a 16K MEMOPAK and when I saw it had the dip switches and the manual I bought it.

The 32K version manual did mention that there was a way to upgrade the 16K switchless version to enable to it to be used in addition to other memory paks. But it did not give any details. Anybody got the details? 0/0.

#### NOTE TO MEMBERS

If you have a question or problem, an article or a complaint send a note or Post Card to:>)

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#### RE-INKING YOUR RIBBONS

I know that Abed Kahale did a little piece on re-inking ribbons but this is from a different source and does give quite a bit of background information.

The source is FORMAT (Vol 4 #3: November 1990) which is a U. K. based newsletter for the SPECTRUM and SAM users. (Don't ask me what SAM is?). Terms and prices are in the lingo of the U. K.

#### RE-INKING

RIBBON RESUSCITATION -ASSISTANCE FOR THE IMPECUNIOUS OR DOT-MATRIX DISASTER?

#### By John Wase

Do you re-ink your dot matrix printer ribbons? I do, and (I think) save myself quite a lot of money in the process. However, before you dash out to buy a bottle of Quink, let me mention that there are quite a lot of snags that you really ought to hear about.

Firstly, there is the ink. This should, of course run freely (but not too freely), and give More a good dark impression. subtle are the requirements which intimately concern the mechanism of the print head. As you probably know, the print head rapidly fires and refires a series of pins (most usually nine, eighteen or twenty four, depending on the quality, and cost of the printer), forcing them onto the ribbon, and therefore making inky dots on the paper behind. Anyone that has watched this will be struck by the speed at which it all happens (you can't see the pins being fired; it's all far too quick) and the more curious may well have burned their fingers on the top of the print head,

which can get very hot indeed. When you think about this a bit more, you can see that the lubricating, clogging and evaporative properties of the ink will be very important in respect of the ultimate life of the print head mechanism. And a dead print head usually means a new printer - they are rarely economical to repair. So the use of inappropiate inks (like the bottle of Quink) is bad news.

Let us look at things now in a little more detail. Don White, Chemical Professor of Engineering at the University of Arizona has done a bit research into this subject, finding that the life of a print can actually if significantly extended ribbons are regularly coated with a lubricant - based ink of the proper type. As Don says, the elements involved in the printing process are the print head needles, the nylon fabric ribbon, the ink and the paper. The mechanics of the process, too, are important in respect of ribbon life: they depend, turn, on the strike pressure of the print - head needles, the contact time of the ribbon and the paper, the ribbon properties (ink absorption and affinity), the ink properties (viscosity, paper and the darkness) properties (porosity and absorption). To make thinks even more complicated, the print head consists of electromagnetically fired metal needles individually cased in plastic cylinders: the strike pressure of the needles can vary from 5 to 200 pounds per square inch, and contact times with the paper (which are also a function of the printing speed and strike pressure) range from 10 to 200 microseconds.

Nylon fabric is the most widely used material for ribbons - the ribbon good ink absorption characteristics and resistance

to wear. To improve the ink nylon absorption onto the is ribbon, the woven fabric subjected to texturisation (the fibres are thermally treated, transforming the filaments a highly twisted structures to improve porosity), and then a highly polarity polymer coating is added to the fabric surface to furthur improve affinity for the ink. High speed printers and twenty - four pin models use high - density ribbons with less porosity but much improved don't try resistance - so swapping ribbons between nine and tenty - four pin machines you'll probably damage print heads.

The ink, of course, is the component. It must contain a permanent dye with a minimum of insoluable particles (non abrasive and less than three microns maximum diameter), and it must neither react chemically with nor degrade in any other way the print head mechanism. That means that it must compatible with stainless steel, beryllium, bronze, phosphor acetal, nylon, copper, polyethylene and polypropylene. It must also contain an imk compatible additive which i s stable and which will not form fummy precipitates on the print - head, but which will form a thin protective coating on the metal surface, lubricating the whole works well over the operating temperature range. The only practical additive which meets these requirements is a silicone of one sort or another, and ink is without such an additive is pretty useless. A number of printer manufacturers advise against re inking ribbons. This advice is valid if based clay traditional printing inks are used, these will dry on the needle cylinder walls and clog the print head. However, this will not occur if the proper ink is

used: indeed, Don has postive proof that head life can be extended with regular use of a proper ink which contains the appropriate lubricant.

you the Finally, to give complete low - down, let mention that the key elements which affect ribbon and print head life are the needle impact pressure (which can to extent be varied by the printer user) and frequency of impact (which can not): the friction coefficient between needles and ribbon, and the print - head impact temperature, which both profoundly affected by presence and properties of ink. This is because friction coefficient between the matrix needles and the ribbon is very important. Α proportion of the strike energy is transformed into heat and the material properties of the nylon very ribbon are themselves sensitive to an increase in With temperature. working the needle use, repeated temperature can rise near the melting point nylon (480 degrees F) causing the ribbon to soften under the needles. The situation is made worse because nylon poor conductor of heat. However, as long as there plenty of lubricating ink. adhesion between hot needles and nylon surfaces is prevented, reducing wear: the presence of ink in between the filaments dissipates the impact energy. Of course, once the filaments begin the impact to dry out. sharply. rises temperatures causing rapid degradation of the fabric, a hole in the ribbon and possibly a ruined print head.

I tried out two very different re - inkers. The first is Caspell's "Ribbon Refresh". This comes as an aerosol canister at less than `10.00 including postage. The other device is the "Maxiprint Ribbon Re - Inker"

from AC Enterprises. This varies in price (there was a special offer when I got mine) but is likely to be at least '40.00. It consists of a box full of bits and pieces.

"Ribbon Refresh" first. To use this, you prise off the lid of the ribbon. This is usually a mooulding with a number of plastic pegs in it which fit into holes in the raised edge around the base. Great care is needed, as the pegs on the lid are easily broken off. The use of a ribbon where pegs are missing on the plastic box can result in the ribbon jamming and doing in the print head. Great care is also needed because, as you prise the lid off, a spring loaded gadget which difficult to replace often shoots out: beware. Once the lid is off, the ribbon is revealed as "concertinaed" fabric within the container. Put the open container, still with the ribbon inside, on a large sheet of newspaper, preferably out doors. Put the tube (like the one supplied with WD40) into the aerosol press - spray and spray. Too little and the resulting and dark print has light patches. Too much and it's a runny mess. Don't forget to turn the knob after inking to bring the bits from outside and the ends into the middle, and to spray those, too. It's best to have several ribbons and do them well in advance, so that the ink soaks well in and the lightest hydrocarbon evaporates: I speak from bitter experience. Unless you take care, it can be a very messy job. Having said that, Refresh" "Ribbon I've used it was successfully since have saved introduced, and myself a fortune on replacing ribbons. True, the ink is not so black, nor does it last so long, but one can't have everything, can one.

The "Maxiprint Ribbon Re Inker" is a horse of a different colour. The base of the box slotted, and you have to assemble and screw a number of bits into this in order to clamp your particular shape of ribbon thightly. You then mark start of the ribbon with little dab of "Tippex", open the ink cartridge and turn a handle which is slotted onto the ribbon drive. My Epson FX80 types of ribbons are the least conveniently accomodated, and I find it difficult to get the clams tight enough. The loop around the cartridge was not tight as I would have liked. opening the cartridge, I got the stuff all over my hands. The ink did not run as freely as I would have liked and I couldn't control it as well as I had hoped, so that the first ribbon seemed over - inked, whilst others had the ink applied rather patchily. The winder kept coming off the ribbon: whilst it was stopped, the ink kept going, with a great big patch. It also took a very long time to wind the ribbon right through to the white "Tippex" mark again. Much beginners' this was clumsiness, but I would not, for instance, recommend this to the Junior School teacher whilst the class was waiting!

So what were the results like. Marvellous, actually. They wildest шA exceeded The ribbon expectations. super - black. I have used one for ages in an Epson RX80 (you remember, the very old one) with Tasprint at double height to print leaflets and handbills. And still it carries on and on, as fresh as when I first reinked it. I get the impression that it lasts quite a bit longer than a new one.

So what's the verdict? At first I thought this was going to be a one - horse race: "Ribbon

Refresh" is so much cheaper and I found it so easy. However, the results, though satisfactory, are not nearly so impressive as those for the "Maxiprint" the amateur, For device. therefore, with a low rate of ribbon usage, I would recommend the Caspell can, for here one would need to buy only five or so new ribbons before the break reached. even pooint was However, if you are a fairly large user of ribbons (more than twenty), like a small business office, or a teacher in a computer - aware school, and particularly if you need an especially good impression or it you use an awlful lot graphics, then the "Maxiprint Ribbon Re - inker" could suit you better.

#### EDITORIAL COMMENTS:

I thought that the background of what to avoid is good. One way to test ink for whether it is oil based or water based is to apply a tiny amount to a jar of water and shake it up. The water based will dye the uniformly while the oil based will form droplets of the ink and oil. Paul Holgren has told me of re - inking ribbons by using a piece of plastic and holding it folded over the using an ribbon and then electric screw driver to run the ribbon through the plastic with ink on it. I have tried that but it seems that I need another hand to do it. That way does not require opening the cartridge (box) which is not that big a deal with the ribbons for my Epson LX810. What is needed is a way to hold the including assembly entire holding down the switch on the electric screwdriver. I have heard of using mineral oil and also WD40. Once in the past I got a bottle of re - inking ink from RMG but looking at the ink I have hesitated to try

since I could be weeks getting the ink off of stuff that was not to be inked. If interested in that the next time you order from RMG ask Rod Gowan about the ink. 0/0

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#### SPECIAL NOTICE TO QL-ERS!

I have a great problem! I do not have a QL so I can not even try to write material for the QL. If I do not get any material submitted from a QLer then I (if will have to type in possible) old articles other newsletters articles, etc. pertaining to the QL. I very likely will use articles that are of little interest to QLers. I would like to supply a good new article pertaining to the QL but I would never know since I do not have a QL.

Besides I am still learning to use the T/S 2068 and the T/S 1000 when and if I have one set up. I would like to have one of each kind of T/S computer (including the QL) with each interface set up running at all times so that all I would have to do is lift the dust cover and turn it on. space prevents that dream from materialising. I currently have a pair of T/S 2068s set up, one with the dual Larken/Oliger disk interface and the other a pure Larken disk interface but with the Spectrum EPROM installed on the dock board.

So you QLers send in something. What maybe oldstuff to you might be just what someone else wants to know. Send it in whatever form you can, longhand, typed, ran off on a printer, on disk for the T/S 2068 (3.5 720K, 5.25 either 360K or 720K) or if you have access to an IBM an ASCII file (word processor file) disk (in the mentioned sizes) can be converted to something I can print out. 0/0.

ou might have noticed, the last issue of Sir QLive was in a different format as well as a few errors that crept in due to the rush to get it out on time. Bob Swoger who did a commendable editing job, can no longer perform this task because of his other commitments (3 newsletters, a full time job, a wife and a daughter that talk back and a cat too). Don Lambert and myself are presently producing Sir QLive, then Bob runs the copies for me to mail. There is no one to edit and spell check Don's articles they are what comes out of his printer, Don doesn't care about the spelling anyway, right Don?. We will do our best to keep Sir OLive Alive. If you can contribute with an article, a query or a solution to a problem, please do so; the well is not dry as yet. As Les Cottrell puts it in his article in the following pages 'Did You Know?' "that if you all share your tips, we could all benefit from it."

## News Item

8/30/93

Dundee, Scotland — Timex Corp. said Sunday it had shut down its factory in Dundee, Scotland, following one of Britain's most bitter industrial conflicts of recent years. The factory made printed circuit boards for electronic cookers (microwave ovens!). The Company predicted the closure two months ago. On Sunday, a spokesman announced the factory would not reopen Monday morning. He added that Timex "deeply regrets ending its presence in Dundee after 47 years in the City." The plant, which had lost £10 million (\$15 millions) over the past six years, was the scene of sometimes violent demonstrations by locked out workers angry over cost cutting efforts.

## Keep'em coming

Jeffrey Kuhlmann CMR/416 APO:"Although Mr. Lambert does not have a QL, I
was referred to him when I bought mine, and
he was extremely helpful." "It is great to see
newsletters still devoted to the Sinclairs." "I
look forward to seeing my first issue!"

Daniel A. Chattin Custom Audio Works of Otis MA: "I have been involved with the Sinclair computers for some time now. I built the original ZX81 kit and have the wafer drive, Memotech keyboard as well as a host of other Memotech add ons. My main computer is still an expanded QL (640K) with two 3" 180K and two 3.5" 720K drives as well as one 5.25" 360K drive.

Dane Stegman of Akron NY:- "Would you please send me a sample issue of your Newsletter." "I believe, I wrote to you a couple of years ago ... never got a sample issue."

Sorry for the inconvenience, I did mail you an issue back then, according to my records. It must have been lost in the mail. He did receive the last issue and he is a new member.

Louis A. Simon of Bridgeport CT:- "I am a few miles from where the TS2068 was made. We had a small users group but they broke up right after the SYNC Mag. and others folded up. I own a ZX81, TS2068 and a QL" "I enjoy acquiring a good program written in BASIC and I try to improve the program." "Thank you for the tips .. It has helped me in printing out the excellent 1stClass BytePower Magazine. I can print the LISTing but not the graphics." "I see by an article that I was not alone getting soaked by Mr. Boisvert they

cashed my check and inquiries went unanswered." "They advertised in the UPDATE Mag. selling their stock, I ordered two items." It is rumored that one of our dealers is taking over the BytePower software.

## Re-Inking Dot-matrix Ribbons (page 9 in this issue)

My little article on re-inking that appeared in the Fall 92 issue of Sir QLive!, did not warn against using any old ink, but did specify to use printer ink (which is oil based). The inking can be very messy if not careful, but the ink can be removed using hand cleaner such as go-jo as used by car mechanics or a paint thinner for that matter. I have been re-inking and (mineral) oiling my ribbon for the last 15 months or so with excellent results. I could not see paying Radio Shack \$9.95 for a ribbon cartridge about a quarter the size of modern cartridges and lasts much less. In fact I installed a piece of sponge that rests against the ribbon inside the cartridge and soaked it with ink. It wets the ribbon as the ribbon passes and rubs against it.

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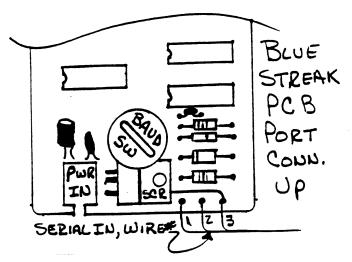
I feel this way about the price of currently offered parallel to serial converters. Especially those offered for the Z-88. So, I was doing without until my friend, Bob Swoger, who fortunately dabbles in other computers, like COCOs (Tandy color comp.), told me of a converter for a COCO that could be had for \$40. I asked the name of the firm handling this jewel;

Dayton Assoc. 9644 Quailwood Tr. Spring Valley, Ohio 45370 (513) 885-5999

They call it the Blue Streak Ultima. The cost is \$29.95 if your printer provides +5 volts DC. on pin 18 of the printer connector, if not then for \$6.00 more, they'll include a wall plug power supply. It has a baud rate range from 300 to 19200, selectable by a switch!!! It comes with DIN plug, which will have to be converted to a DB-9 to be able to hook up to the Z-88's serial port, but it's only three wires, so even if you don't have the expertise to handle a soldering iron, you can find someone to do it using the following instructions for wire placement.

eparate the plastic case by carefully prying it apart at the seam with something like a small screwdriver. You'll have to do this because the people who put these together don't observe a color code and you'll have to determine wire location visibly. Once you're inside, holding the case with the printer connector end away from you, which is the serial port wire entrance end toward you, you'll see the three wires of this serial cable soldered to the PCB in a row.

If you'll number them from left to right away from the SCR, then they connect to the DB-9 connector as follows:



Wire #1 --- DB-9 pin #2 Wire #2 --- DB-9 pin #5 Wire #3 --- DB-9 pin #7

When this is done and you put the plastic case back together without catching the wires on top of the baud rate selector, you're in business.

The DB-9 connectors sold by Radio Shack (276-1403) have good hardware for capturing the wires. You will have to get the pin crimping tool.

Before you try to print out with  $\bigcirc$  PO, you should first make sure you selected the 9600 baud rate on the panel. You get there by keying []s. Then, of course, you select that on your Blue Streak, also.

I found the way this unit is shaped gets in the way of my paper path so I got a cable extension to get it out of the way. Do not use an extension longer than 24 inches, it will delay the bytes and many drop out. I use a Radio Shack Cat. No. 26-2867. It's \$10.95 in the States. Other than that it works as it should,

so enjoy.

## TIMEXERS CAN SURVIVE WITH HELP!

## The Tasman 'B' CPI

## Make it Work With the LarKen DS-400

by Larry Kenny & Bob Swoger

George Chambers wrote to say: "We have been looking at the possibilities, i.e. reasonableness, of modifying the Tasman 'B' printer interface to make it compatible with the LarKen disk system. Presently there is some sort of a port conflict and the LarKen will not function when this particular model of printer interface is connected. The question is, does anyone know what port addresses the LarKen system uses?"

Here is the answer on how to use the Tasman 'B' CPI from Larry Kenny himself. The problem is not really a port conflict. Instead, the problem is that the Tasman 'B' CPI is not completely decoded. The Tasman 'B' has an input port of 191 but A7 is not being looked at by the CPI to come to this conclusion! If the mailman only looked at the first two numbers of an address and gave me all the mail that began with '61', my address being '613', I would wind up getting a lot of wrong mail. That is the Tasman problem.

Larry favored the AERCO CPI because it completely decodes the address bus, but he made provisions for Tasman 'B', A & J and others if they were modified. I like the Tasman 'B' because it can send all bytes to the printer from 0 to 255 and the AERCO can't. So I have modified my Tasman 'B' CPI for LarKen compatibility to run my Christmas Return Label program. It should be noted that this fix will not work for the Tasman 'A' or Tasman 'C'.

To make the Tasman 'B' CPI work with the LarKen disk System, acquire a 74LS04 quad NAND and some small gauge

insulated hook-up wire. Open the Tasman 'B' CPI by first carefully peeling back the plastic label away from the screws. (If you pick up the ends carefully with an X-ACTO knife, the label will press back over the screws when you are done without even a wrinkle.) Remove the four screws that hold the case together and open the case. Examine the PC board to be certain that you have a 'B' version Tasman CPI. It is a 'B' if it is labeled 'VERSION B'.

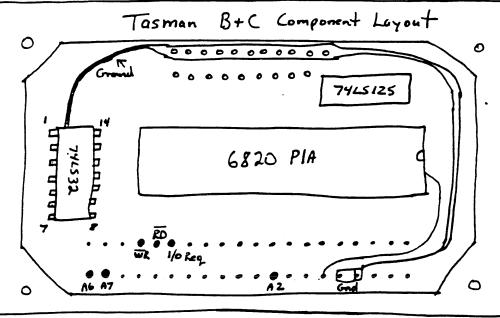
Next, make the trace cut of A6 on the underside of the PC board close to board edge connector with the X-ACTO knife. Now follow the rest of the instructions Larry has given us in the diagram. When you are finished, carefully check all connections against Larry's diagram (next page). I didn't, and had to go back in to fix my problem. Finally, close the case and press the plastic label back into place.

Next, follow the instructions in your LKDOS manual to select the Tasman printer driver rather than the AERCO.

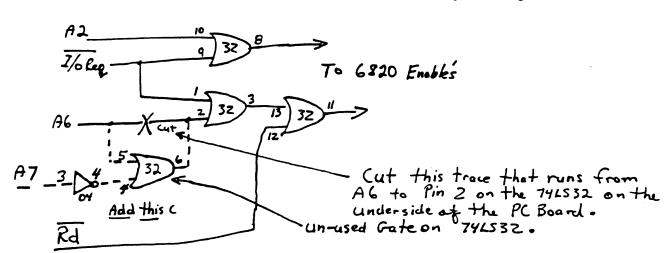
As for the port addresses of the LarKen system, I don't know them, but here are the CPI addresses from 'The Best of SUM', the newsletter-turned-magazine of the Gainsville Sinclair Users Group by Joe Williamson and Richard Cravy:-

## PORTS

Type:	IN	OUT
AERCO	127	127
Tasman 'A'	63	123
Tasman 'B'	191	123
Tasman 'C'	251	123



Tas man B' modification: Parts needed - 74LSO4 - fine Wire



- Bend all of the pins on the 74604 up, (exept pins 4, 7 und 14)

and stack it on top of the 632; Solder pins 4.

7 and 14 to pins 4, 7 and 14 of the 632

- Connect A6 on connector to pin 5 on the 742532 with a wire.
- Connect A7 on the connector to pin 3 on the 742504 with wire.
- Connect pin 2 on 746532 to pin 6 on 748532.



That TASWORD files may be LOADed into MSCRIPT? Assuming that both use, the .CT extension and imbedded commands are not used the file will load easily. There will

be some clean-up required since TASWORD doesn't use carriage returns. Some words will end up run together and there will be extra spaces in places but it is relatively easy to fix with MSCRIPT 'insert space' key(1), 'delete' key(0), and 'delete left' key(9).

- ♦ That MSCRIPT files may be LOADed into TASWORD? The conversion isn't quite as easy as above, but it can be done. MSCRIPT uses carriage return (ENTER) and they will show up in TASWORD as the graphic found on the '8' key. That is your clue for paragraphs and blank lines, if you work from the bottom of the document and come up, the paragraphs can be separated using 'insert line' (SS-AND). The next step is to delete all leading spaces for any line. Then the paragraph can be reformatted with 'reformat to end of paragraph' (SS-STEP). The paragraph will probably have some split words, delete extra spaces there and reformat again if necessary. (TASWORD's 'what-you-see-iswhat-you-get' format makes the load into MSCRIPT easier than vice-versa.)
- ♦ That LarKen version 3 users can save a block of disk space when saving Artist II by adding the line:

1 BEEP 1, 1: PAUSE 60
Enter GOTO 1 and press the NMI button when the long BEEP ends, press the SHIFT and 1. Version 3 owners can then rename the file by:

MOVE "NMI-S1.CM", "artist.B9"

or whatever name suits you, I use .Bn or .B9 to indicate NMI saves - the change from .C to .B extension avoids adding 'CODE'. I imagine there are other programs that can be done this way. It also gives you a clean bottom line when the load is completed.

- ♦ That if you load a program with machine code with a "0 REM" statement that you shouldn't use the OPEN#4, "dd" command? BytePower programs often use "0 REM" code, so don't blame the program if you have used a 'boot' program with OPEN# 4. The solution is as simple as removing 'OPEN# 4, "dd" and replacing 'PRINT# 4' with 'RANDOMIZE USR 100'. Merely trying to CLOSE# 4 doesn't resolve this problem. This one is in the Larken instructions (but I forgot!). The lesson here is to reread the Instructions every so often.
- ♦ That version 3 owners can make any program pause with the NMI button after inputting the following one liner:

RANDOMIZE USR 100: POKE 16100, 201: RANDOMIZE USR 100: POKE 8214, 16100

The program pauses when you press the NMI button and may be resumed by pressing the "F" key.

♦ That version 3 users can re-boot from within any program with the NMI-F feature? This assumes you have an AUTOSTART program written in BASIC in your booting drive. After writing the pause routine above to stop a program with a countdown clock, I started considering other ways to use this clever feature. I had been adding the GFC reboot routine to my BASIC programs, but many MC programs still required turning off the computer. By installing the following

routine in my RAMDISK boot program I can now re-boot from any program.

The heart of this program is lifted from the instructions in the Larken Disk Editor Instruction Manual. Once the program is LOADed I merely press the NMI button, then the "F" key and my RAMDISK is selected and booted. Obviously the program can be SAVEd independently and run from your menu or as you choose.

The first number in line 5 determines which drive is selected:

Drive 0 1 2 3 4 Code 2 4 8 16 128

This program is numbered so that it can be merged between lines 0 and 10.

- 1 RESTORE 4
- 2 FOR a = 16100 TO 16164
- 3 READ b: RANDOMIZE USR 100: POKE a, b: NEXT a
- 4 DATA 123, 205, 98, 0, 62
- 5 DATA 128, 50, 3, 32, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 33, 27, 63, 17, 34, 32, 1, 10, 0, 237, 176, 62, 11, 50, 2, 32, 205, 198, 0, 42, 124, 32, 34, 51, 32, 42, 134, 32, 34, 49, 32, 205, 201, 0, 62, 100, 251, 201, 0, 0, 0
- 6 DATA 65, 85 84, 79, 83, 84, 65, 82, 84, 32
- 7 DATA RANDOMIZE USR 100: POKE 8214, 16100
- 8 BEEP .5, .5: PRINT "NMI-F REBOOT ACTIVATED": PAUSE 100: CLS

For a stand-alone program you may add the following two lines

90 RANDOMIZE USR 100: NEW 9000 RANDOMIZE USR 100: SAVE "booter.B1" LINE 1

That if you all share your tips, we could all benefit from it!

Les Cottrell

Cocoa, FL

## SPECTRUM for your 2068

If you are a LarKen LK-DOS owner and would like to run SPECTRUM programs on your system, we will supply a V2 EPROM, socket and 74HCT32 for \$12 which includes shipping and handling. The installation instructions are in your LarKen manual. We shall not be responsible for your install job. AERCO owners need only the EPROM for \$10 forwarded to LarKen.

Bob Swoger

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## 747 Flight Simulator

So you like to fly, the 747 Flight Simulator for SPECTRUM by Derek Ashton of DACC sold over 40K copies in Europe. Requires a SPECTRUM equipped 2068. At this time supplied on LarKen SSDD disk only for \$10 which goes to Derek now working at Motorola with Bob.

**Bob Swoger** 

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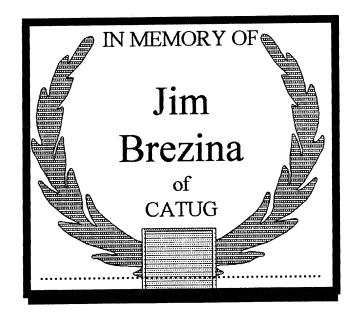
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As some of you know by now, we finally received version 5.0 upgrade of Bob Swoger's LOGICALL for LK DOS and it is supper! We have shipped the copies that some of you had on order. Let us know what you think of it. If anyone else would like a copy of the upgrade, just send your original disk with \$5 to cover costs to us and we will send you a new copy. Please specify disk format (5.25" / 3.5" DSDD/SSDD). If you want to keep a copy of the old version, please do so as we will be putting the new version on your old disk.

Our thanks again to all the loyal customers and TS fans who have been so patient during our recent move. We think we are pretty current with our mail and orders. If you have been waiting for more than 60 days, PLEASE! let us know so we can correct the problem.

From the Plotter

Retyped by H. K.

- -(1) Q-SAVE fast load amplifier (back panel removed) with both cassette software and EPROM firmware module, all docs. \$38.
- -(1) R.A.M. 2716/2732 EPROM burner and reader (mapped 8-16K). This is a really nice board with driver software (firmware) and excellent docs which I built but never tested. Has (2) Textool ZIF sockets for burn and (4) Aries ZIF sockets for read, (2) 8255A. Has other options. Requires inexpensive power supply (like Oliger's EPROM burner power supply). Connects via short ribbon cable. I have over \$150 invested in this board-requires final adjustment, Docs. \$40.
- -4116-1 RAM chips. Most with slightly shortened leads. About 90 available at \$10.00 for ALL.
- -(1) Byte Back Modem. Fully socketed. Built it myself and modified to new address in the Ø-16K block. Software-all docs including kluge data included. Kluging necessitated removal of the case (included) but this modem could be converted back to stock without any trouble. Works fine. \$3Ø.
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- -(3) TS 1000 motherboards. Complete and guaranteed to OK \$7 each.

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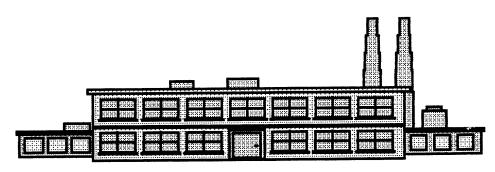
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NOTE BY DON LAMBERT: THERE ARE STILL TSERS USING THE AERCO ZX81/TS1000 DISK SYSTEM. IT DOES REQUIRE A BOOT DISK AND THE BOOT HAS TO BE ON EACH DISK. THE BB.DOS IS WHAT MAKES IT A REAL SYSTEM AND THAT IS INCLUDED WITH THE UNIT. THE SS DRIVES CAN REPLACED BY DOUBLE SIDED DRIVES WHICH GIVES ADDED CAPACITY

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AF	Checking and Saving Accounts	BA	Adventure
AG	Income Tax and Payroll	BB	Brain Teasers
AH	Finance - Loans, Currency Conversion	BC	Chess and Backgammon
ΑI	Business - Inventory, Manufacturing Control	BD	Dungeons and Dragons
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BF	Arcade		Programming
BG	Sports	DA	Machine Code Loaders
BH	Mazes	DB	Assemblers, Disassemblers
$\mathbf{BI}$	Space	DC	Compilers
$_{ m BJ}$	Trivia	DD	Programming Languages
$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{K}$	War	DE	Operating Systems
BL	Strategy, Tic-Tac-Toe	DF	Utilities - Tool Kits - Merge, Renumber
$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{M}$	Moving Graphics	DG	Subroutines - Input, Screen, Sort
BN	Tarot, Biorhythms	DH	Drivers - Printers, Plotters, Disk Drives
$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Z}$	Misc.	DI ·	Tape Interface
	Education	DZ	Misc.
CA	Science - Biology, Chemistry, etc.		Graphics
CB	Business - Data processing, Inventory cntrl.	$\overline{EA}$	High Resolution
CC	Christian	EB	Draw Programs
CD	Electricity, Electronics	EC	Graphic Tablets
CE	Geography, History	ED	Charts, Graphs
CF	Languages, Spelling, Grammar	EE	Graphic Designs, Patterns
CG	Educational Games	EF	Signs, Banners
CH	Arithmetics, Mathematics	EG	Screen Saves
CÏ	Reading	EH	RLE Files
CJ	Sound, Music	EZ	Misc.
CK	Quizzes, Tests		<del>- 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1</del>
CL	Teaching Aids - Grade Books, Exam. Sorts		G. C
CZ_	Misc.	ZZ	Software not fitting the above description.

The Pixel Print Plus! and Sting Graphics Support package are LKDOS, LOAD/SAVE are directly to disk. All files are contained as Pixel Print on the respective disk.

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